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SPEAKER · MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY & CLINICAL AI

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Dr. Ajay Balaram is a practicing orthopedic surgeon and the founder of **SpeakMD**, an independent platform that stress-tests the AI and technology reshaping clinical medicine. He accepts no industry sponsorships and no honoraria from the companies he reviews — his verdicts come from the operating room, the clinic, and the evidence. Audiences get what vendors won't tell them: what actually works, what it costs in workflow, and who holds the liability.

SIGNATURE TALKS

What Clinical AI Actually Delivers for Busy Physicians

Separating deployable tools from demoware — a practical framework any clinician or technology committee can use before signing a contract.

A Year with Ambient AI Scribes: Lessons from Thousands of Encounters

Hands-on results across 10+ platforms: workflow design, consent, documentation quality, and the failure modes vendors don't mention.

The Robot Will See You Now: Autonomous Surgery from Inside the OR

From da Vinci to fully autonomous systems — levels of surgical autonomy, the real evidence, and what it means for surgeons and patients.

Who Holds the Bag? Liability, Reimbursement & Trust in Clinical AI

The four questions every physician should ask of any new technology: Does it work? Will I get paid? Will I get sued? How does it fit?

WHY BOOK DR. BALARAM

- **Still in the OR.** A full-time surgeon, not a futurist — every take is grounded in daily clinical practice.
- **Fiercely independent.** No sponsors, no paid reviews, declined honoraria — credibility your audience can verify.
- **Translator, not hype man.** Turns dense research, regulation, and product claims into decisions clinicians can act on Monday morning.
- **Proven communicator.** Trusted by a global physician audience for skeptical, evidence-first analysis.

AUDIENCES

Medical societies & CME events · Health systems & hospital leadership · Medtech and digital health conferences · Academic grand rounds & residency programs · Investor and industry advisory panels

RECENT ANALYSIS

Google DeepMind's AI Co-Clinician · Autonomous surgical robotics (SRT-H) · Ambient AI scribes at scale · Compounded GLP-1s & the Novo Nordisk lawsuit · AI prescribing & the Utah regulatory sandbox